



**BENNERY LAKE WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.
2 Park Ave., Lower Sackville
Halifax Water Office Boardroom

Attendance:

Trevor Creasor, Subdivision Approvals Halifax Regional Municipality
 Barry Geddes, Watershed Manager (Vice-Chair)..... Halifax Water
 Dawn MacNeill, Watershed Planner..... Nova Scotia Environment
 Anna McCarron, Source Water Planner (Secretary)..... Halifax Water
 Tim O’Brien, Crown Land Forester..... Department of Natural Resources
 Heather Olivella, Protected Areas Coordinator Nova Scotia Environment
 Garry Oxner, Superintendent of Supply Plants..... Halifax Water

Regrets:

Reid Campbell, Director of Water Services Halifax Water
 Jan Jachimowicz Landowner Representative
 Bernie Matlock, P. Eng. Nova Scotia Environment
 Paul Parusel, Brookhill Estates Community Representative

	<u>Action</u>
<p>1. Attendance / Introductions: <u>Meeting called to order by Barry Geddes, Chair.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regrets were acknowledged (listed above). • Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor Creasor replaced Kevin Warner for HRM Planning and Development. • No quorum noted. • Anna distributed copies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meeting Agenda; b. DRAFT Sept. 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes; and • No changes or additions were requested to the Agenda. <p>2. Old Business: <u>Review September 17, 2015 Minutes and Action Items (see Table 1)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes not approved due to lack of quorum. 	

Table 1: Action Items and Status (<i>Completed action Items to be deleted from next set of minutes</i>)				
Item # / Page in Minutes	Action Items	Date Issued	Delegate	Status
1.	Special Constable Status and Training for Halifax Water staff with respect to the <i>Environment Act</i> SOT changes. Update1: Waiting for Halifax Water staff training to occur and constable positions to be assigned. Update 2: Training scheduled for May2, 2016	March 6, 2014; Update1: March 5, 2015; Update: March 3, 2016	Barry / Reid	Pending official appointment
2.	Create a Bennery-specific brochure; generic on one side and Bennery-specific on the other. Update: Intern being sought to help develop brochure through winter of 2016. Update: Brochure in its final review of being approved. Update: Provide comments by Tuesday March 8th, 2016	March 6, 2014 Update: Sept.17, 2015; Update: March 3, 2016	Barry / Anna/ Update: Committee	Complete
3.	Distribute brochure to community. Update: Pending development of brochure (see previous action item).	March 6, 2014; Update Sept. 17, 2015,	Paul	Pending development of brochure
4.	Request that DNR notify Water Works Operator of any watercourse alterations on Crown Lands inside the Bennery Lake watershed. Update: Remove from agenda	March 6, 2014; Update: Sept. 17, 2015	Anna/ Barry	Complete
5.	Seek efficiencies through NSE to improve watershed protection as it relates to NSE's approval process (Watercourse Alteration and On-site Septic systems). Update: Confirm when the On-Site Septic meeting for Qualified Persons is to be held and communicate this to Halifax Water to confirm attendance.	March 6, 2014; Update: Sept. 17, 2015 Update: March 3, 2015	Bernie / Dawn	Action Required
6.	Revisit ToR membership on BLWMC; Update: remove HWAB, discuss removing DNR and adding NSE Protected Areas (PAs) as landowner members at March 2016 meeting, pending Dec. 31, 2015 legislation approval of PAs.	March 6, 2014; Updated: Sept. 17, 2015	All	Action required
7.	Kevin will send around a map of the HIAA development.	September 17, 2015	Kevin	Complete
8.	Contact the Wastewater Society to possibly attend the annual AGM to present on Source Water Protection and associated regulations.	September 17, 2015	Anna / Barry	Complete
9.	Post signage around the Bennery Lake Nature Reserve once approved	September 17, 2015	NSE/Barry	Action required
10.	Send Steve Doucette a map of the landownership and Protected Areas.	September 17, 2015	Anna	Complete
11.	Add brochure to Halifax Water website.	March 3, 2016	Anna	Complete
12.	Find out at what stage is the Municipal Government Act review is in.	March 3, 2016	Barry	Action required

	<u>Action</u>
<p><u>Business Arising from the Minutes/Action Items:</u></p> <p>Action Item #: <i>Special Constable Status.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required by NSE; and • Enables Halifax Water to fulfill its requirements to enforce the Protected Water Area Regulations. <p>Update: Training scheduled for May2, 2016 in Truro. Barry Geddes to attend for Halifax Water.</p> <p>Action Item #2: <i>Source Water Protection Brochure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One brochure for all watersheds being produced; • Work-term student from Dalhousie Community Design developing the brochure; and • Brochure in final stages of completion. <p>Action Item #3: <i>Source Water Protection brochure Distribution</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action is required after the brochure is completed. <p>Action Item #4: <i>Request DNR to notify Halifax Water for Water Crossing Alterations when working inside the Bennery Lake watershed community.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a concern now since majority of Crown Land is protected by NSE through its status as the Bennery Lake Nature Reserve. • No disturbance activities (including no hunting or fishing) are permitted in a Nature Reserve <p>Update: Complete, remove from agenda and action item table.</p> <p>Action Item #5: <i>Seek efficiencies through NSE to improve watershed protection as it relates to NSE's approval process.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With respect to on-site septic systems. • Halifax Water attended four Nova Scotia Wastewater Society annual regional meetings where installers and NSE typically exchange information. • This meeting particularly focused on the changes to the on-site sewage disposal system Regulations and Technical Guidelines to take effect May 1, 2016. • On behalf of Halifax Water, Anna conducted a presentation to create more awareness of the water supply areas, the different water supply regulations and protection mechanisms that on-site septic installers and inspectors should be aware of with respect to water supply protection. 	<p></p> <p>Barry</p> <p>Paul</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add to website <p>Update Action Item #2: Provide comments by Tuesday March 8th, 2016.</p> <p>New Action Item #11: Add brochure to Halifax Water website.</p> <p>3. <i>New Business Arising:</i></p> <p><u>2015 Source Water Protection Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2.2 Emergency Response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communications and processes between Halifax Water, HRM and the province have improved. ○ Incident Command System has helped the process. ○ All speaking one language and attending the same training course which has helped with better networking. • Review of accomplishments and outstanding balances for 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of the Municipal Government Act review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where it is in the review process? <p>New Action Item #12: Find out what stage the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> review is in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality review. <p><u>Discussion:</u> Regarding the geological differences that impact water quality within the Bennery Lake watershed.</p> <p><u>Membership Election:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No quorum – deferred to next meeting. <p><u>Committee Election Year:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No quorum cannot complete – deferred to next meeting. <p>4. <i>Municipal Planning Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>5. <i>Landowner Q&A:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halifax Water purchased 393 acres of private land on April 3, 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Halifax Water ownership increased from 10% to 35% due to this acquisition. <p>6. <i>Next Meeting Date: Sept. 29, 2016 – 2:00 pm.</i></p> <p>7. <i>Adjournment</i></p> <p><u>Meeting adjourned:</u> 4:10 pm</p> <p><i>Barry Geddes: Chair Barry Geddes: Vice Chair Anna McCarron: Secretary</i></p>	<p><u>Action</u> Committee</p> <p>Anna</p> <p>Barry</p>
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